

Sochi's Cultural Agenda

What's on offer in Sochi for your artistic side.

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Art

Dmitry Zhilinsky: Return to Sochi

Till June 24

This is a unique exhibition of works by the outstanding Russian painter Dmitry Zhilinsky, who was a people's artist of the Russian Federation and an academic at the Russian Academy of Arts. He was also one of the key artists of the 1960s. The exhibition is titled "Dmitry Zhilinsky: Return to Sochi" and it's not just a name — the painter had always dreamed of a personal exhibition in the city where he was born and grew up. Many of the artist's works were done in Sochi and its surroundings, and some possess a unique local flavor and an appreciation for the nature of southern Russia. The exhibition displays three different stages in the artist's creative path. From sketches of nature, the exhibition progresses to works made

in Sochi and the artist's dacha in Uch-Dere, and then to the significant later masterpieces, some of which are devoted to biblical and mythological themes. The exhibition includes about 35 paintings and 33 graphic works created from the 1940s through the 2010s.

Sochi Art Museum

Theater

A Trap for the Husband

June 17

This play is a twist on everyone's favorite joke, where a husband returns from a business trip to find his wife with another man. But in this version it's the wife who comes home and discovers her husband with a young, attractive girl. "A Trap for the Husband" is a situational comedy, where the husband is constantly getting dragged into increasingly bigger messes. Trying to get out of a delicate situation and afraid of losing his wife, position in society and reputation, the husband tells the wife that the woman in question is his daughter; chaos ensues. Produced by the popular Millennium theater company, directed by Vladimir Ivanov and starring Fyodor Dobronravov, this play is definitely something to see while you are in Sochi.

Winter Theater

Sylva

July 13

"Sylva" known in English as "The Gypsy Princess," is an operetta in three acts by Hungarian composer Emmerich Kalman. The plot revolves around Sylva, a singer in a Budapest variety show, and her lover Count Edwin. Sylva is not only beautiful, but also hard-working and talented, and truly deserves her success. Sylva and Edwin love each other but have to meet in secret, behind the theater stage, since social inequality does not allow them to marry openly.

Summer Theater

Bolero By Lyasan Utiasheva

Aug. 4

"Bolero" is a dance performance directed by Lyasan Utiasheva, a former solo rhythmic gymnast and one of the ambassadors of the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Choreographed by Katya Reshetnikova and Igor Rudnik, the performance combines several styles of dance and gymnastics. The music is by Ryan Otter, a composer well-known in Russia for writing soundtracks to several highly rated TV shows.

Summer Theater

Giya Eradze Royal Circus

From June 2

The Sochi State Circus presents a new program, Royal Circus by Giya Eradze. It's a traditional circus show, combining trained animals and acrobatics, and connected by one theme and plot, which takes place in a royal palace. The three-hour show employs 120 artists who change 2,000 costumes over the course of the show.

Sochi State Circus

Music

FIFA fan fest

June 14-15

The FIFA Fan Fest will take place at the southern mall of the Sochi sea port, one of the city's main sights. The space can accommodate up to 10,000 people. Every day there will be match viewings, as well as other activities. The lineup and the schedule have not been confirmed, but the organizers promise concerts by local musicians, as well as bands and DJs from Russia and abroad.

Ulitsa Voikova, 1 fifafanfest-sochi.ru

– At the Winter Theater

Crescendo Festival

July 20-21

An annual festival organized by world-renowned Russian classical pianist Denis Matsuev. Both established and younger Russian classical musicians will perform on the stage of the Winter Theater.

– At the Summer Theater

Na-Na

June 27

Na-Na, one of the most popular bands of the 1990s and one of the first boy bands in Russia, comes to Sochi with their famous show. You'll get to hear all of the bands greatest hits, including "Faina" and "Eskimo and Papua."

– At the Hall of Organ and Chamber Music

From Handel to Scorpions

June 3

Vladimir Korolevsky plays the organ.

Happy are Only Those Whose Hearts are Singing

June 8

Joint performance by the Necheporenko Orchestra of Folk Instruments and the Lubo Ensemble of Cossack Song.

From the Collection of Masterpieces

June 10

Mikhail Pavaly plays the organ.

Music from Famous Films

June 15

Concert by the Sochi Symphony Orchestra with chief conductor Oleg Soldatov.

As the Organ Plays

June 16

Mikhail Pavaly plays the organ.

Music from the Cathedrals of Europe

June 17

Mikhail Pavaly plays the organ.

– At the Olympic Park

Timati

Aug. 2

Timati, one of the most popular rap artists in Russia, the founder of Black Star label, will give a big concert in Sochi, part of his Generation tour. The show will focus on Timati's hits from the last five years, as well as earlier material. His colleagues from the Black Star label might put in guest appearances, too. Don't miss it.

Basta

Aug. 19

Basta is considered by many to be Russia's top hip-hop musician of the past decade. Basta's real name is Vasily Vakulenko and he's known to perform under different stage names (Noggano is the most famous of those). Basta is not just a musician he's the godfather of a whole new generation of rappers who have now signed on to his record label, Gazgolder. In short, other guest appearances are quite possible.

– At the Roza Khutor

Livefest Summer

Aug. 10-11

LiveFest is a music festival up in the mountains, where you can escape the summer heat of the coast. The headliners are Zemfira, one of the most popular Russian singer-songwriters, and Anton Belyaev aka Therr Maitz, who skyrocketed to fame after making it to the semi-finals in “Golos,” the Russian version of the hit reality show “The Voice.” Among others are Delfin, a rapper-turned-poet and electronic musician, and Pompeya, pioneers of Russian indie-rock and synth-pop and one of the most successful Russian bands that sings in English.

Tickets from 3500 rubles (cable car included)

Ulitsa Olimpiyskaya livefest.ru

Getting there

Olympic park

Tickets from 1600 rubles

Adler District icebergbilet.ru

Sochi Art Museum

Open *Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

Tickets 300 rubles

Kurortny Prospekt, 51 russianmuseums.info/M1607

Summer Theater

Tickets from 800 rubles

Chernomorskaya Ulitsa, 11 letniy-teatr.ru

Winter Theater

Tickets from 800 rubles

Teatralnaya Ulitsa, 2 skfo.online

Sochi State Circus

Tickets from 800 rubles

Ulitsa Deputatskaya, 8 circus-sochi.ru

Hall of Organ and Chamber Music

Tickets from 250 rubles

Kurortny Prospekt, 32 skfo.online

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